



By the King.

A Proclamation against Steeleets, Pocket Daggers,
Pocket Dagges and Pistols.



He loue and care Wee haue towards the preserua-
tion of Our Subiects, and the keeping of Our Lande from
being polluted with blood; doth make Us strue with the euill
humors and depraued customes of the times, to reforme and
suppresse them by Our Princely policy and Justice; To
which end and purpose, we haue by the seueritie of Our Edict,
(proceeding from Our owne pen, and by the exemplar censure
and Decrees of Our Court of Starre-Chamber) put downe,

and in good part mastered that audacious custome of Duells and Challenges, and
haue likewise by a Statute made in Our time, taken away the benefit of Clergie in case
of Stabbing, and the like odious Man-slaughters:

Wherefore it being alwayes the more principall in Our intention to preuent, then to
punish, being giuen to vnderstand of the vse of Steeleets, pocket Daggers, and pocket Dags
and Pistols, which are weapons bitterly vserviceable for defence, Militarie practise, or
other lawfull vse, but odious, and noted Instruments of murther, and mischief; we
doe straightly will and command all persons Whatsoever, that they doe not hencefoorth
presume to weare or carie about them any such Steeleet or pocket Dagger, pocket Dagge or
Pistoll, vpon paine of Our Princely Indignation and displeasure, Imprisonment and
Censure in the Starre-Chamber; And we doe likewise straightly forbid vpon like paine
all Cutlers, or other person, to make or sell any of the said Steeleets, pocket Daggers, pocket
Dagges or Pistols.

Giuen at Our Pallace of Westminster, the 26. day of March, in the fourteenth yeere of Our
Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King

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